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Via ECFS

November 30, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, **Notice for Forbearance from Lifeline Broadband Internet Access Service Requirements**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Modernization Order* ("Order"),¹ Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership ("NWMC") hereby avails itself of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") grant of forbearance from the requirement to provide broadband Internet access service ("BIAS") as a Lifeline service. NWMC may, however, voluntarily decide to offer and receive reimbursement for providing Lifeline-supported BIAS in all or portions of the area in which it is designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"). Pursuant to the guidance provided in Public Notice DA 16-1316,² NWMC provides the following information:

ETC Name: Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership d/b/a NorthwestCell

ETC Designation Order: Application of Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership for Designation as a Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Report and Order, Case No. TO-2005-0466, Missouri Public Service Commission (Issue Date: September 21, 2006; Effective Date: October 1, 2006)

Type of Designation: Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier receiving frozen, phased-down high-cost support.

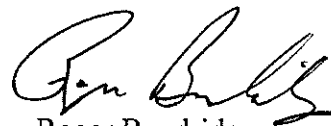
¹ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) ("*Lifeline Modernization Order*").

² Public Notice, "Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking To Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order," DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

Forbearance Area: NWMC avails itself of blanket forbearance throughout the entire geographic area in which it is designated an ETC, which includes Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth counties in Missouri. Attachment A is an Excel document listing the counties and associated FIPS codes for the areas where NWMC invokes the Lifeline BIAS forbearance. NWMC has made every effort to comprehensively list all areas where it is an ETC. In the event that any area was inadvertently omitted from Attachment A, NWMC reserves the right to supplement this filing to make administrative corrections to Attachment A.

Please contact our FCC counsel, Greg Whiteaker (202-600-7274) or Robin Tuttle (202-827-0667), if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Bundridge", is positioned above the printed name.

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Attachment

cc Universal Service Administrative Company
(Via Email, TelcoLifeline@usac.org)